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LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY

Water, Fire and Wind Bring Death and Disaster to Many Western and Southern Cities.

HEAVY RAINS OVER THE COUNTRY

As a result of the flooded rivers of Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri and Iowa thousands of people are homeless and millions of dollars worth of property has been destroyed. The total area covered by the floods runs to hundreds of square miles, extending from Kansas City, Mo. to Des Moines, Iowa. Topeka, Kansas and Kansas City are the greatest sufferers, while the loss of life and property in many other towns is appalling.

Gainesville, Ga., was visited by a tornado Monday afternoon, and many lives were lost.

The estimated loss of life in Kansas City as a result of the flood is in the neighborhood of fifty. In Kansas City, Kas., the homeless number 20,000. Conditions in the two cities are grave and have remained practically unchanged for twenty four hours. The greatest danger in Kansas City, Mo., is from fire, at the mercy of which the city would be placed because the water plant is closed down. The gas and electric plants are also disabled. The wholesale district of the city is submerged.

At Topeka, Kan., Des Moines and most of the other flood-stricken points the situation shows improvement, with water receding and the worst believed to be over. First reports of fatalities in North Topeka were enormously exaggerated, and the number of dead there is now placed at from 20 to 25. The gravest aspect of the case lies in the possibility of a spread of contagious disease among the refugees and others. No estimate in dollars has been placed on the flood loss in the various cities, the farm lands and the connecting railroads.

A tornado visited the towns of Gainesville, New Holland and White Sulphur, Georgia, Monday afternoon resulting in the killing of about 85 men, women and children, according to incomplete reports. It is estimated that forty persons were fatally injured. Two hundred houses, besides the large Gainesville Cotton Mills, were destroyed by the storm aggregating a property loss of \$300,000.

Monday's dispatches gave the following reports of the flood disaster:

In the neighborhood of 200 lives lost, as many more missing, thousands of persons homeless and property loss that will aggregate vague millions, is the latest report from the flood-ridden districts of the Kaw, the Mississippi and the Missouri rivers. The worst is believed to be over at North Topeka, Kan., where the dead and missing lists will chiefly be made up. Estimates of the number of dead there vary from 170 to 200, and the missing number 200. Eight thousand persons are homeless and the property loss is placed at \$4,000,000. Kansas City was yesterday made the particular victim of the flood fiend and twenty-six lives are reported lost in the city and vicinity. The packing industries in Armourdale are paralyzed, and the suburb of sixteen thousand population is deserted. Two thirds of another suburb, Argentine, is under water while blocks of the business district of the city proper are flooded. By the submerging of tracks here and elsewhere the railroads

will suffer a loss probably aggregating several million dollars. Reports from St. Louis tell of the rising of the Mississippi and Missouri and warnings have been sent out to all parts likely to be effected. A scarcity of provisions and a temperature near the freezing point added to the misery of the six thousand refugees at Des Moines, Ia. Throughout the various rural districts now submerged crops have been destroyed and this fact will make the total damage done by the flood impossible to compute with accuracy.

A BIG MORTGAGE.

Probably the biggest mortgage ever recorded in Union county has been filed at Morganfield by the United States Coal company, of Sturgis, calling for a million and a half dollars, and filling almost a volume of items from the big hole itself down to the picks and car wheels.

The company recently purchased the property from the Paducah Coal company and is composed of Eastern capitalists, of whom the multi-millionaire, Thomas J. Nevins, of New Jersey, is the principal stockholder. It is supposed the company proposes a new organization and greater developments by putting bonds on the market.

An Immense Sum.

Andrew Carnegie has given away nearly \$100,000,000. Reducing this enormous sum to dollar bills and laying them end to end they would make a ribbon reaching by way of Suez from Chicago to Manila. A teller could not count them in less than a year, using \$5 bills and working 8 hours a day. In silver dollars, stacking ten to the inch, these 100,000,000 coins would pile in single column 160 miles into the air.

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THE OFFICIAL COUNT.

Of the Vote in the Democratic State Primary.

BEGKHAM'S VOTE 104,638.

The Democratic State Executive committee met in Frankfort Saturday and tabulated the vote of the primary held May 9th. The committee ordered the issuance of certificates of nomination to the successful candidates.

The official returns of the primary held show that the vote was cast as follows in the various races:

| | Votes. |
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| FOR GOVERNOR. | |
| J. O. W. Beckham..... | 104,638 |
| FOR LIEUT. GOVERNOR. | |
| W. P. Thorne..... | 60,624 |
| Abram Renick..... | 36,250 |
| Thorne's majority..... | 24,374 |
| FOR AUDITOR. | |
| S. W. Hagar..... | 61,977 |
| J. B. Chensault..... | 39,161 |
| Hager's majority..... | 22,816 |
| FOR TREASURER. | |
| H. M. Bosworth..... | 60,497 |
| Josh Griffith..... | 29,008 |
| Gus W. Richardson..... | 9,156 |
| Bosworth's plurality over Griffith..... | 31,489 |
| FOR SECRETARY OF STATE. | |
| H. V. McChesney..... | 80,219 |
| FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL. | |
| N. B. Hays..... | 35,564 |
| J. W. Mitchell..... | 28,332 |
| Charles Carroll..... | 16,846 |
| Ira Julian..... | 14,077 |
| Hays' plurality over Mitchell..... | 7,234 |
| FOR SUPT. PUBLIC INSTRUCTION. | |
| J. H. Fuqua..... | 30,256 |
| Ben Watt..... | 24,033 |
| Charles E. Sagg..... | 15,408 |
| J. J. Watkins..... | 12,946 |
| T. N. Arnold..... | 12,816 |
| Fuqua's plurality over Watt..... | 6,223 |
| FOR AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER. | |
| Hubert Vreeland..... | 49,257 |
| T. T. Hedger..... | 23,306 |
| J. M. Frasse..... | 18,886 |
| Vreeland's plurality over Hedger..... | 25,951 |
| FOR APPELLATE CLERK. | |
| J. Morgan Chinn..... | 52,027 |
| Robert L. Greene..... | 48,339 |
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Carnegie May Be Interested.

A dispatch from Paducah says: George W. Pepper and Niven McConnell, of Pittsburg, connected with the Carnegie Steel company were in the city a short time Friday afternoon and night.

They arrived here at 3:30 o'clock Friday afternoon on the I. C. train from Illinois and left at 1:30 o'clock this morning for Pittsburg. It could not be learned today where they had been but it was reported they had visited the ore fields in Hardin and Pope counties, Ill., which are above Paducah. Some very fine lead and zinc ore has been found in that section, such as is also found just across the river in Crittenden and Livingston counties, Ky.

It may be that the Carnegie Steel company is making a quiet investigation with a view to establishing some kind of a manufacturing plant in this section.

WALLACE C. FRANKLIN

Honored at Washington—He Debates in a Noted Oratorical Contest.

We are in receipt of the announcements and commencement programs of the Columbia University of Washington, D. C. Mr. Wallace C. Franklin, of this county, receives the degree of LL. B. in the department of jurisprudence and diplomacy. Mr. Franklin was selected as one of the debaters in the annual oratorical contest between three representatives of the Columbia University and three representatives of the Georgetown University. The speakers are selected with great care. Mr. Franklin is a splendid speaker, a true Kentucky orator, and he will make it warm for his opponents. In speaking of the contest the Washington Times says of Mr. Franklin:

He entered Columbia University in the fall of 1900, and in 1902 received the bachelor's degree in law. This year he will receive the degree of master of laws. He has always been prominent in debating work, and especially in the affairs of the university society, where he has served creditably on the executive committee. He took part in the prize debate of last year; he has also been an active participant in the work of the Junior Congress of the United States, a society under the direction of Dr. Channing Rudd, containing members from the various universities and law schools of this city.

Mr. Franklin and the other two Columbian debaters were selected in a series of three contests, by the following judges: Judge Brewer of the Supreme Court; Judge Peelle of the Court of Claims; Judge Van Devanter, Assistant Attorney General; Judge Hannis Taylor, ex-Minister to Spain; President Needham and Prof. Kirby, of the university.

BRADLEY WILL NOT RUN.

Former Governor W. O. Bradley has issued a statement denying a report that he will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor. Governor Bradley says he will not allow his name to be used, and that he is out of politics for good. He will devote his entire time to the practice of law.

In his statement Governor Bradley endorses the candidacy of H. E. E. Willson, of Louisville, saying he is the strongest of the three candidates now in the race. He further states that Mr. Willson has no hopes of being appointed to the United States Supreme bench when Judge Harlan resigns.

County Attorneys to Meet.

The State meeting of the County Attorneys Association will be held at Dawson on July 8, 9 and 10. The most important subject to be discussed at the meeting is "Needed legislation for county boards of health, making them subservient to the county authorities instead of the latter's masters." All county judges will be invited.

BACK TO PADUCAH.

It is stated that the Illinois Central dispatchers of the Central division of the Illinois Central will be moved from Princeton back to Paducah, bringing with them the headquarters of Trainmaster T. A. Banks. The offices were moved from Paducah about two years ago.

CRITTENDEN SPRINGS OPENS SOON.



Mr. C. M. Kennedy, of Owingsville, who has rented the Crittenden Springs Hotel, has been in the city several days arranging for the opening of the big hostelry. The

hotel will be ready for guests next week. Opening ball will be given about June 20th. Mr. Kennedy is a pleasant young gentleman and seems to be thoroughly familiar with the business.

LATE NEWS DISPATCHES.

There are twenty-four divorces cases on the docket of the present circuit court at Hopkinsville.

A successful test of wireless telegraphy was made Monday between Chicago and Milwaukee.

Fourteen deaths have been caused by floods in the west, and 20,000 persons are estimated to be homeless.

The judicial elections in Cook county, Ill., Monday resulted in the election of fourteen Democrats and four Republican Judges. A light vote was cast.

The Federal grand jury at Montgomery, Ala., has returned thirty-six indictments against citizens of Coosa and Tallapoosa counties on the charge of peonage.

Civilians and military orders joined in the observance of Decoration day throughout the country by exercises and ceremonies of various sorts. The day was also observed in many foreign countries.

A Southern Pacific passenger train left the track at Rincon, Cal., and four coaches fell four feet over a cliff into the Pacific ocean. Nearly thirty persons were injured, but no one was killed outright.

At a meeting in Frankfort Saturday, the Democratic State Executive committee, with eight of its thirteen members voting, adopted a resolution endorsing the action of State Chairman Young in attempting to call off the Jefferson county primary election. The resolution was adopted by a vote of 5 to 3, Committeemen Lasing, Lee and Jones protesting against the action. The committee refused to hear argument from a delegation of Louisville Democrats, who attended the meeting and asked the privilege of stating their cause.

Still another chapter was added to the Postoffice Department scandal by the announcement of a Brooklyn newspaper that the sum of \$500,000 is annually paid out in excessive rentals by the post offices of New York State. Leases are in effect for ten years, and so universal is the excessive rate that that there are alleged evidences of conspiracy.

The Northern Presbyterian General Assembly adopted resolutions calling upon the people of the country and upon the Senate to expel from his seat Apostle Reed Smoot, who is described as an abettor of criminals, a menace to the American people, as unfaithful to the laws and Constitution, and as a reproach upon the honor and dignity of the American Senate.

The completion of the investigation of the salary rolls of the Post-office Department shows that fourteen assistant postmasters in first and second class offices receive larger salaries than they should under the department's policy. Thirteen clerks, including two in Louisville, receive higher salaries than designated for their position, and thirty-six officials, including one in Louisville, hold office under an impromptu designation.

The special grand jury at Jackson adjourned Saturday, after returning an indictment against Curtis Jett, charging him with the murder of Jim Cockerill. The principal witness in the Cockerill case was Capt. John Patrick, who went to the grand jury room escorted by a detail of soldiers. He told the jury that at the time Cockerill was assassinated he saw the rifles protruding from the court house window. He recognized Curtis Jett at the window, but did not see the faces of the other men.

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